

TEC NEWSLETTER

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Editors Norman & Ruth MacQuithy

Message from The President

Fellow Members of TEC:

This issue is being put out by our new Editors, Norman and Ruth MacQuithy. I am sure that they will do a very good job and to the best of their ability. This particular issue may not be as complete as it should, because of the change over and they hope that all who have won awards for exhibiting, or who gave talks on elongateds at Coin Clubs or such will let them know of your achievements so that the Award Committee can know so that the proper awards of the TEC Award Coin can be assigned.

Articles are also needed. Sit down and write out some of your experiences with elongateds, your new finds of oldies and such. This is your newsletter and it can only be as good as the articles and news sent in by the membership themselves. We have no roving reporters that delve into what YOU are doing. If you yourself don't tell us we will never know.

So now then, let's give Norman and Ruth a big hand and some help.

Henry W. Blaha

HELP HELP HELP

We are asking for help in the first TEC newsletter that we put out. This newsletter is for all TEC members and to make it better we need articles to print. So, put on your thinking caps and send us something to print about elongated coins, something that you think will be of interest to our fellow members and elongated collectors. Your news about a new find to add to your collection, some duplicates to trade or some tips you can give on displaying elongated coins at a coin show or perhaps something that you have displayed at a coin show. No matter how minor your news, it may make a difference to other elongated collectors and be of help to them. So get on your thinking caps, get your paper and pencil and let's all start now to make our paper a success and let others share your bit of news. Send your news to:

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TEC NEWS

The T E C News requires any and all news of what the T E C members are doing with the exhibiting of their collections and prizes won, talks given and articles too, all this is up to you. All rollers who come up with some new ones that the members would like to know of let the Editors of T E C News know of them. If we all work together and talk together and meet together we can have an organization every member will be proud of. So let's stop the griping and start doing something about it. They say "Rome wasn't built in a day", but then it would never have been built if the ones who built it just stood around and tore down what the others had already started. Come on now, let's all pitch in and get this thing going. The T E C News is just what the members make of it. I hope that we can give Norman and Ruth enough help so that they can really come out with some good issues of the T E C News.

Henry W. Blaha

T E C DUES

The dues as of January 1, 1970 have been raised to \$3.00 per year. Send your dues to Alice Moon, 9312 Fort Street., Detroit, Michigan, 48209.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

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WHEN IS AN ELONGATED NOT AN ELONGATED?

To be or not to be, that is the question. Whether it is better to add to the elongated collection or just pass it by.

To all collectors, an elongated is a coin that has been rolled between two rollers, one of which has a design engraved on it so that as the coin emerges on the other side we have a truly elongated coin with a design rolled on it.

Now then, in Dottie Don's book, "The Elongated Collector", which is more or less the "Bible" of an elongated collector, is a section which mentions pieces that LOOK like an elongated but instead are pieces that have been stamped on an oval planchet, instead of being rolled. A pictorial view is on one side and on the reverse a simulation of an Indian Head Cent or a Canadian cent. These pieces have been listed not because they are recognized as an elongated, but to show the collector what they are and called as such, "Simulated Elongated Coins".

So be it. They are in existence and there are at least 18 different pieces. If a collector wishes to add these pieces to his collection, it is their own personal choice. Some collectors won't even touch them. These pieces never were a coin and are considered simulations only.

So now then, consider what I am about to say. If a coin is placed between two rollers, though both are blank, it will undoubtedly come out the opposite side in an elongated condition.

I am sure that many collectors at some time or other ran into such coin, either on a cent, nickel, dime, quarter or whatever. Just as if it has been rolled over by a street car or train.

Now a coin in this condition cannot be considered a simulation.

The "To be or not to be" part I am talking of is when a coin is elongated in this manner and then has a message, name or something engraved, or stamped on it.

What would this then be called or considered? It is a true coin. It was elongated. The only difference is that the obverse is done by an engraving machine, by hand, or stamped with metal punches.

As to the pieces that have been stamped, in one sense of the word these could be considered, counter stamped, but as there is no design or anything else that these names are stamped O V E R, then it would not be a true counterstamp.

I myself had a few pre-rolled coins and used my Company's trade mark stamp and stamped a few. I also stamped one person's name on one. This was before I got my own rolling machine.

I have seen other stamped pieces around. I know that my few will never be recognized or listed, but they are a variation, N O T E I said variation not Variety.

To be or not to be, that is the question. What is your opinion of such pieces?

Henry W. Blaha

"Teapots VS Elongateds"
By Donald E. Sabo Tec # 341

Who says there is no humor in the collecting of elongated Coins. The story I am about to relate is true and completely factual in all respects.

It all began one bright and sunny summer afternoon on one of our many trips to see our good friends the "Wagamans".

Upon arriving at Camby to the familiar pink garage door we were greeted by Lloyd and Bertie who promptly invited us in out of the heat of the day. We spent all day Saturday talking elongateds both in and out of the house until nearly one o'clock in the morning. (and let me say now that we all retired blary eyed believe me)

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"Teapots Vs Elongateds"
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Arising early Sunday morning naturally the conversation over breakfast was elongateds also. Lloyd mentioned a Flea Market Sale in Indianapolis but both Berta and myself had planned to return to Chicago early. We talked further and soon agreed to stay a few hours longer to see the show.

Leaving the house about ten o'clock we soon arrived at what turned out to be a drive in movie on the outskirts of Indianapolis, and Lloyd further commented that Drive in's were a common place for such sundry shows etc. I soon recalled that I had seen such shows in California in the 1950's but at that time they were called Swap Me's not Flea Markets. I guess everything that originates on the west coast eventually reaches the east, so watch out you eastern seaboard.

We entered the show grounds and what did our eyes behold but table after table loaded with just about everything you could think of including the kitchen sink. Lloyd and I started out at the first table and almost immediately something caught Lloyd's eye, it was a TWA Airlines Silver Teapot and he proceeded to bargain with the dealer.

I guess my feet began to itch so I looked over my shoulder and they were still talking so I moved on to the second table. I could find nothing of interest so again looking over my shoulder & still noting that they were talking I moved on to the third table and a bonanza.. Looking quickly over the table I noticed Tokens, Medals Coins etc, so I ask the dealer if he had any elongated coins for sale He promptly produced three coins but mentioned that he would have to have Three dollars for the three pieces, and further mentioned that there was a Will Roger's coin among them, and since I was a fairly new collector and needed the Will Roger's piece I purchased all three of them. Walking away from the table I noticed Lloyd walking toward me and grinning like a cheshire cat (God Bless Him) saying "look what I got", sure enough it was you guessed it the tea pot. So I turned right around and said well look what I got.

All the way back to the house Lloyd and I joked about the teapot and he ask if I knew anyone who would like to trade some elongateds for a teapot.

So after a very short and pleasant weekend together we bid each other goodbye till the next time we could get together. And we will always recall between us the day of "The Tea Pot".

So cheer up fellow collectors there is still bargains in elongateds for those who have a little faith in our Lady Luck.

I hope by reading this short story that it will stimulate even further interest in the collection of elongateds as it is truly a wonderful hobby and pleasant past time.

I Was Bitten by The Elongated Bug
By C. J. Smith Member # 421

I'm a collector-saver-hoarder and accumulator. I started the hobby of collecting with postmarks in the early 1930's. Skeezix of gasoline Alley in the funny papers got me interested in this part of saving. I cut postmarks from every letter or package I could find pestered friends and family for all the envelopes they got from the daily visit of the mail man to their door. After I had cut them out I made flour and water paste and pasted them on note book paper. The hobby os postmarks lasted a short while, as it lead to the collecting of stamps which I still collect. My Aunt knowing how much enjoyment I got from stamps and postmarks sent me a letter from the Chicago World Fair with an elongated cent from the Fair enclosed in the letter which I thought was nice and that was as far as elongated coins and I went until about two years ago Norman MacQuithy and I met in mutual admiration of coins. He had been bitten by the Elongated Coin Bug & soon after this the bug had bitten me and I was hooked on them the same as Norman was. While not as active and as enthusiastic as Norm is, I find it an enjoyable hobby as I collect stamps and elongated coins all in one due to the "First Day Covers" that were made and all in all it's just plain fun looking for new finds to add to my collection and then finding the history behind a particular elongated coin such as when was it rolled, where was it rolled, how many were rolled and who rolled it. All in all I just enjoy my elongated coins.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR TEC BADGES????

T.E.C. convention badges from 1967, 1968 and 1969 are still available and can be ordered from Alice Moon, Secretary, 9312 W. Fort st., Detroit, Michigan 48209 for \$2.30 each.

CALL TO CONVENTION

In accordance with Article 2 Section a, The Elongated Collectors shall meet in convention in conjunction with the A N A and T A M S at whatever city such convention is held.

The time and place decided by the A N A is St. Louis, Mo. August 18-22, 1970, in the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel. This being officially designated as the 4th Annual Convention.

Henry W. Blaha, President

ONE OF A KIND

By Norman MacQuithy TEC # 186

Last year Ruth and I were called upon to roll a special Elongated cent for the Buena Vista Coin Club of Storm Lake, Iowa. The club invited us to bring our machine to the show and roll the coins there for people while they watched. So, after many letters & much time given to design we reached an agreement, had a die engraved loaded our machine in the car and headed out from Kansas City, Mo. to Storm Lake, Iowa which is about 550 to 600 miles from Kansas City. When we got there the president of the club had rooms reserved for us so we checked in and got a good nights sleep. About 6 am we were up eating breakfast and soon headed for the coin show. We set up our machine and talked with members of the club and the Club President who made the unusual request that a complete set of coins be rolled on a 1955 mint set of the Buena Vista die. Unusual, but true, the reason behind this request is that his sons birthyear is 1955. This 1955 mint set was the complete 11 coins minted in 1955 which were all BU. This is the first and only time we have rolled a complete set of such high value. We feel this may be unique in the annals of Elongated coins. Do you know of something similar? If so write us about it so it may be published in a future issue of TEC News.

How we Started Collecting Elongated Coins

It all started when we saw a picture of an elongated coin in Coin World in late 1966. It told of a new club known as T. E. C. and also offered a membership card made from a penny with our names engraved on it along with membership numbers in the club for \$2.00 a year. It also offered a news letter about elongated coins. We had collected coins and was also a dealer in coins but we were losing interest as every coin show we attended about this time everybody wanted to know how much over face we were paying for silver certificates. No one seemed interested in the hobby for a hobby but how much they could make from it. Now don't get us wrong we were there to make money but also to enjoy the hobby. We met many people who collected medals and tokens and found they did it as a hobby and enjoyed looking for new finds to add to their collection. This was what we were looking for. A hobby that was done out of the love of the hobby such as the hobby of elongated coins. As Coin World said we sent our \$2 dollars to Dottie Dow for one year membership and got our elongated coin membership card with our names and numbers on them. We were amazed as we had never seen an elongated coin. Thus, the starting of a new hobby which has grown so much that we have neglected our other hobbies and collect nothing but elongated coins. Well that is besides fruit jars, cut glass, advertising pens, antiques, avon bottles, post cards, cameras, coins, state plates, clocks and watches, stamps and Franklin mint medals. Plus we operate two way radios. We have two children. Karen, our daughter collects salt and pepper shakers & dolls and Kevin, our son collects coins, models and both collect elongated coins. All of us enjoy talking about our hobbies, we enjoy

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traveling, meeting people and showing our hobbies, but most of all we enjoy taking our elongating machine to coin shows and watching all the smiles as a coin comes out the other side of our machine and it has been elongated. We then must explain how it works and most usually explain why it is not illegal to do this to Uncle Sam's money.

Very tired but happy we drive home from the show making plans to attend another one soon.

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